



Shoreline Master Program: Environmentally Critical Areas - 2013

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TO: Joe Burcar (Washington Department of Ecology) November 12, 2013
FROM: City of Sammamish, Evan Maxim
RE: Sammamish Shoreline Master Program – Limited Amendment Submittal

Background

On July 9, 2013, five study sessions and six public meetings, the City Council adopted amendments to the City of Sammamish Environmentally Critical Areas (ECA) regulations. The Council's review followed a lengthy and thorough review of the proposed amendments by the City of Sammamish Planning Commission, which included over 20 public meetings and more than a hundred comments from the public, agencies, and Native American tribes.

In adopting the revised ECA regulations, the Sammamish City Council confirmed that the proposed amendments should also be effective city-wide, including with the Sammamish Shoreline jurisdiction. Attached to this memo is the proposed limited amendment to the Sammamish Shoreline Master Program (SMP) to incorporate the revised ECA regulations into the Sammamish SMP together with reconciliatory language.

Submittal Package

Consistent with the direction from the State Legislature, Department of Ecology, and the Washington Administrative Code (WAC 173-26-201), the City of Sammamish has completed the SMP Submittal Checklist which follows directly behind this memorandum.

To aid in the review of the information summarized in the SMP Submittal Checklist, the City has prepared a tabulated binder of material documenting compliance with the various requirements of WAC 173-26. The SMP Submittal Checklist references the tabulated section of the binder, where each item may be found (for example, where the response to the SMP Submittal Checklist is provided by the Cumulative Impact Analysis, a reference to the Cumulative Impact Analysis in Tab 4 of the submittal package is noted).

Generally the SMP update documentation is grouped under six tabs: 1) cover memo and SMP Submittal Checklist; 2) ECA Ordinance O2013-350; 3) Best Available Science documentation; 4) Cumulative Impact Analysis; 5) Public Involvement; and 6) additional SMP amendments (to allow integration of the proposed ECA amendments into the Sammamish SMP)

In completing the SMP Submittal Checklist, the city has used its judgment regarding which sections of the checklist are relevant to the limited amendment submittal. For example, the city has not re-designated any stretch of the shoreline jurisdiction, and has noted such accordingly in the SMP Submittal Checklist.

The city believes that the initial submittal package contains the information required by Ecology to complete its review and approval of the revised ECA regulations and SMP amendments. However, if such is not the case, or additional information is needed otherwise, the city will work to provide such information expeditiously.